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SUBJ: SHIFT IN DUTCH POLICY ON DEBT RELIEF

REF: STATE 054756

1. THE MORE ACCOMMODATING LINE ON DEBT RELIEF TAKEN BY
THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT IN THE VAN GORKOM DRAFT (REFTEL) WAS REVEALED
PUBLICLY BY A SPOKESMAN FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER
DE KONING MARCH 6. HE DISCLOSED THAT THE NETHERLANDS AND OTHER
GROUP B COUNTRIES HAD AGREED ON DEBT RELIEF FOR THOSE COUNTRIES
WHICH MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA OF DEBT SIZE AND OF POVERTY EXPRESSED
IN PER CAPITA INCOME, WITH THE MANNER OF RELIEF LEFT TO
INDIVIDUAL CREDITORS.

2. TERMING THE NEW PROPOSAL PUT FORWARDAT THE GENEVA TDB
CONFERENCE "AN INEVITABLE ADJUSTMENT" RATHER THAN A CHANGE
OF COURSE, THE SPOKESMAN NEVERTHELESS CLEARLY INDICATED THE
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SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SHIFT IN THE DUTCH POSITION. HE SAID
THAT HARDLY ANY COUNTRY WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE GENERALIZED
DEBT RELIEF ADVOCATED BY THE GROUP OF 77 AND DE KONING'S
PTEDECESSOR, PRONK. THEREFORE, THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT THOUGHT NO
USEFUL PURPOSE WAS SEVED BY PRESSING FOR SUCH A SETTLEMENT.

3. COMMENT: THE SHIFT CONFIRMS EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT DE KONING AND

FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW PLACE GREATER STORE ON EC UNITY
THAN ON PLEASING THE GROUP OF 77.
BRUSSELS 4463 BEARS THIS OUT.
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